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SUMMARY: ARGENTINE NEWSPAPERS RETURNED TUESDAY AFTER OND DAY CARNIVAL HIATUS AND GAVE PROMINENT PLAY MEXICO FONMIN CONFERENCE. MAJOR DAILIES FRONTPAGED DECLARATION, OTHERS PLAYED GENEROUSLY INSIDE. ONLY EDITORIAL TO DATE ON ENTIRE CONFERENCE APPEARED THIS MORNING CLARIN. OVERALL TONE OF COVERAGE POSITIVE BUT NOT ENTHUSIASTIC. EXCEPTION IS SMALL CIRCULATION LEFT WING PRESS WHICH CONSISTENTLY TILTS NEWS TO CONFROM TO ESTABLISHED EDITORIAL BIAS.

KISSINGER PRESS CONFERENCE RECEIVED AMPLE, OBJECTIVE TREATMENT ALL MAJOR DAILIES SUNDAY PLUS SOME RETROSPECTIVE REFERENCES TODAY. BOTH KISSINGER-VIGNES MEETINGS VIDELY REPORTED TONES THAT WOULD SUPPORT EXISTENCE ATMOSPHERE MATURE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. AT THE SAME TIME PRESS ACCOUNTS CAN EAILY BE INTERPRETED AS PROVIDING EVIDENCE ARGENTINA "STOOD UP TO US", ESPECIALLY ON CUBA AUTO SALE ISSUE. VIGNES PRESS CONFERENCE CHIDING VIBSON BARBOSA FOR INTERFERENCE ARGENTINE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS ALSO HAD THE ARGENTINE FONMIN STATING CATEGORICALLY "SALES ARGENTINE PRODUCTS TO CUBA STRICTLY AN ARGENTINE AFFAIR". STRENGTH OF THIS STATEMENT NOT MITIGATED BY HIS OTHER REMARKS ATTESTING GOODWILL IN BILATERALS, AND HONEST SEARCH BY BOTH COUNTRIES TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. SWEEPING COVERAGE TODAY

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OF GELBARD MISSION TO HAVANA ALSO HELPS ESTABLISH POINT OF ARGEN-

TINE INDEPENDENCE IN TRADE ISSUES.

AS TO TREATMENT OF DECLARATION OF TLATELOCO, MAJOR PAPERS OBJECTIVELY QUOTE IMPORTANT EXCERPTS BUT AS YET NO FULL TEXT HAS APPEARED. HOWEVER, DESPITE MANY STRAIGHTFORWARD ACCOUNTS, OVERALL IMPACT ON READERSHIP COULD WELL BE THAT CONFERENCE DID NOT END ON GLORIOUS, UPBEAT NOTE AND SOME PAPERS READ INTO IT A MOOD OF "LATIN AMERICA VERSUS THE US", APPLYING SELECTIVE MEANING TO EXPRESSIONS OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE. EXAMPLES: "NEW DIALOGUE" MEANS US MUST YIELD TO LATIN AMERICAN DEMAND. "CHANGES IN OAS STRUCTURE" MEANS READMITTANCE OF CUBA. "NON-INTERVENTION AND ABANDONMENT COERCION SEEN INCLUDING ECONOMIC CONNOTATIONS AND IMPLYING LESSENING US ECONOMIC DOMINATION". "SELF DETERMINATION", AS ABOVE, ALSO TAKEN TO SIGNAL CUBA REINCORPORATION AS DOES PHRASE "HEMISPHERE COMMUNITY".

SPECIFIC MEDIA REACTION

PRESS TREATMENT WAS TRUE TO CHARACTER. WHILE CONSERVATIVE PRENSA AND NACION UNDERScoreD POSITIVE ASPECTS AND CONCILIATORY TONE OF CONFERENCE, DEVELOPMENTIST CLARIN KEPT CUBA QUESTION MARK OPEN AND STRUCK DEFINATE POSE REGARDING "SOVEREIGNTY" MATTERS. PRO-GOA BUT LEFT LEANING OPINION DECRIED CONFERENCES IMMEDIATE OUTCOME - IN ITS MOST SIGNIFICANT HEADLINE SUNDAY OPINION PROCLAIMED: "LACK OF COMMON INTERESTS PRODUCES STERILE RESULTS". TUESDAY OPINION STUCK TO SAME SLANT BY HEADING PRESS REACTION ROUNDUP: "WORLD PRESS ANALYZES DIFFERENCE OF INTERESTS BETWEEN LATAMERICA AND US WHICH BECAME EVIDENT AT MEXICO CONFERENCE. KISSINGER'S FAILURE TO SHAPE COMMON GOALS STRESSED". ANOTHER LEFT-WING PAPER, NOTICIAS, IN SAME VEIN NOTICED ALLEGED DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LATAM AND US WAS "IRRECONCILABLE CONFLICT". MASS CIRCULATION, PRO-LABOR CRONICA IN WHAT PERHAPS WAS MOST REALISTIC HEADLINE STATED: "FOMINS AWAIT US REACTION", AND QUOTED VIGNES: "MONOLOGUE IS OVER, DIALOGUE BEGINS." NATIONALIST MAYORIA TREATED STORY WITH UNACUSTOMED OBJECTIVITY. SAMPLE HEADLINES: "US PROMISES PRIOR CONSULTATIONS," "FOMINS ASSERTED PRINCIPLE OF POLITICAL PLURALISM.". ON OTHER HAND MAYORIA AVAILED ITSELF OF "POLITICAL PLURALISM" TO CHARACTERIZE ARGENTINE DELEGATIONS TRIP CUBA AS "SUCCESS OF INDEPENDENT POLICY WITHOUT IDEOLOGICAL BARRIERS".

COMMENT

JORGE EMILIO GALLARDO IN NACION SUNDAY SAID: "WILL TO WORK
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ACCOUNTED FOR MIRACLE THAT 24 VERY DISPARATE NATIONS SHOULD FEEL LIKE ONE, SO THAT EACH SUBJECT IN AGENDA WAS EXPOUNDED BY SINGLE SPOKESMAN REPRESENTING ALL GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED. ALSO POSITIVE, ACCORDING TO GENERAL JUDGEMENT, WAS US OPENNESS, WHICH LED TO PROMISING STRICT FULFILLMENT OF PLEDGES RELATED TO NON INTERVENTION AND PERMANENT CONSULTATION, WHILE VARIOUS PRACTICAL MEASURES OF BILATERAL NATURE WERE ADOPTED. US HAD AN AGENT WHO PROVED MOST EFFECTIVE. IN ADDITION TO HIS PERSONAL

ENDOWMENT, DR. KISSINGER HAS A CONDITION THAT NEITHER ROCKEFELLER (IN HIS ACCIDENT FILLED LATAMERICAN TRIP YEARS AGO) NOR WILLIAM ROGERS HAD. SPECIAL CONDITON OF KISSINGER, A MAN PECULARLY CLSOE TO PRESIDENT NIXON, PROVIDES HIM CAPACITY FOR DECISON WHICH ALREADY PROVED BY FACTS, AND AN EXECUTIVENESS HE DOES NOT HAND DOWN TO ANYONE".

IN SUNDAY NEWS ROUNDUP NACION REFERS TO THE "CONFERENCE PITCH", WHICH WAS "VIBRANT AND MUCH WARMER THAN USUALLY ALLOWED BY PROTOCOL... IN SOME CASES THERE WAS BLUNT SINCERITY...

BUT IT MUST BE ADMITTED THAT PROGRESS AT CONFERENCE NOT EXTREMELY SATISFACTORY, PARTICULARLY IF COMPARED WITH EXPECTATIONS RAISED.. SUBSTANCE (OF KISSINGERS ADDRESS) WAS THAT AGREEMENT BETWEEN US AND LATAM REMAINS A BIG YEARNINGA, WHILE ADMITTEDLY PRESENT RELATIONS ARE NOW PLACED ON A DIFFERENT BASIS THAN IN RECENT PAST. ONE WOULD SAY THAT ATMOSPHERE IS BEING PREPARED FOR CHANGE THAT CANNOT BE LONG IN COMING. AS INDICATION THERE IS SETTLEMENT BETWEEN US AND PERU..WHERE DISPUTE ENDED WITHOUT EMBARRASSING FRICTION OR AGGRESSIVE ATTITUDES."

CLARIN TUESDAY FOUND DECLARATION OF TLATECLOCO EXCESSIVELY EXTENSIVE. SAID "PERHAPSHOULY INNOVATION WAS FAIRLY VAGUE REFERENCE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF "SYSTEM OF COLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY" EMERGING FROM NEED TO REVISE CONTINENTAL SECURITY CONCEPT ON BASIS OF EXCLUSIVELY POLITICO MILITARY PREMISES. ANOTHER NOVELTY WAS THINLY VEILED CRITICISM OF OAS RITES, TO THE EFFECT THAT "OLD FORMALISM" OBSTRUCTED PREVIOUS DIALOGUES. (NEVERTHELESS) OAS DIALOGUES, UNDENIABLY POMPOUS, WERE NOT OBSTRUCTED BY RIGID FORMALISM BUT BY MORE DEEPLY ROOTED CAUSES...

"SECOND PART OF COMMUNIQUE ALSO CONTAINS NO SURPRISES. ALMOST ALL OF ITS PARAGRAPHS ARE DECLARATIVE AND EXPRESS WISHEDS OR INTENTIONS. STANDING ALONG AS CONCRET -- ALTHOUGHT ITS EFFECTIVENESS WILL BE GAUGED LATER -- WAS SECRETARY KISSINGERS INITIATIVE ABOUT CREATING MECHANISM TO SOLVE DISPUTES ARISING FROM ACTIVITIES OF TRANS NATIONAL COMPANIES OPERATING IN AREA. UNCLASSIFIED

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"THEREFORE, FROM FINAL COMMUNIQUE OR FROM REPORTS DURING CONFERENCE, NOTHING CAN BE INFERRED TO REGARD THE TLATELOLCO LABORS AS SUCCESSFUL. THIS IS DUE TO PERSISTENT ERROR INCURRED IN ELUDING FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS, OR IN VISUALIZING THEM IN TERMS ALLOWING FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE TYPE OF TRADITIONAL AID PROGRAMS OR OF LIBERALIZATION OF TRADE.

"ONLY POSITIVE THING SEEMS TO BE THAT CONFERENCE SERVED AS FORUM AT WHICH SOME COUNTRIES -- OURS AMONG -- DEFINED THEIR OBJECTIONS TO WAY LATAM RELATIONS WITH US ARE DEVELOPING". CLARIN ALSO SAID: "FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM FOR HEMISPHERE COUNTRIES IS UNDERDEVELOPMENT, AND THIS CANNOT BE RESOLVED AS LONG
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